

BORDER TALES

The Official Newsletter of the Border Terrier Club of Oregon

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Calendar of Events

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, most events in the Pacific Northwest, as well as our in-person monthly meetings, are cancelled., but save the date for the Picnic in the Park August 15!



Message from the President

Here it is summer already, and as I had hoped we would we be in full swing with club activities, we find ourselves in a much different situation. So much has changed so fast, and so much is unknown at this time. With so many summer and fall shows and trials cancelled or postponed, we find ourselves wondering when it will all resume.

We had so many wonderful ideas for the club's direction, so it seems a bit frustrating not to be able to bring them to life. We continue to collaborate and look forward to the time when we can travel freely, congregate with our friends, and celebrate our dogs together.

The BTCO Board of Directors continue to examine activities for our club in the short and long term. Due to the COVID-19 cancelling of shows and meeting places, we are having to create new ways to stay connected. I'm confident that we can overcome these challenges.

Our Business meetings have been cancelled and may not resume in person until fall or later. AKC has just announced that "virtual" or online meetings may be held as long as the club changes their by-laws to reflect that within a year. We plan to pursue that and set up a Zoom business meeting in the future. Our by-laws currently allow the BOD to meet via video conference, and we have been meeting via Zoom to continue with club business.

Members Share What They're Loving for Their Dogs Right Now:

Tim Eannarino: "Squeaky balls - Odin loves these. The squeaky doesn't last long....but the balls are real squishy when the squeaker is gone and he loves to chew on them. I also think they might be good for their teeth. They are inexpensive and provide lots of joy."

Heather Wingate: "We just bought the Delicacy Portable Dog Pool off of Amazon. We haven't used it much (not too many warm days here yet), but we are looking forward to getting our reluctant swimmers more into playing in the water."

Dana De La Torre: "My favorite treat right now is Zuke's Minis in salmon flavor."

Tim Carey: "For grooming, a good grooming stone. You can do so much with one. I get mine in the cleaning section of most hardware stores (pumice stone). Cut it in half and they last for years."

Linda Grace: "Butcher's Prime Roasted Beef Lung Tips dog treats....because new and exciting behaviors executed deserve the best healthy and yummy rewards I can give her."

Rich Grace: "Doggie poop bags. I have them available all day long every day for when Bailie has the urge to go. Immediate pick-up. No leavin' dog poop on the ground for steppin' in or messin' up my lawnmower tires around here. (Although I can't say the same for what we do with the droppings or deer and other cute little wildlife around the place. HMMMMMMMM.)"

Bailie Grace: Glow-in-the-Dark rubber ball by Chuck-It! I love playing with it every day and it's my ticket to every meal Mom feeds me in my house (find it, bring it, sit, and hold it).

Casey DePriest: The Mango Dog Toy from Amazon. My dogs love them and haven't been able to chew them up yet. You can stuff or or rub peanut butter on the outside of it. Keeps them busy for a long time.

Ozzy Wingate: "I love the selva ends of the fleece my mom makes dog beds and blankets out of. She braids and knots it up for me, and I spend lots of time chewing on it, throwing it up in the air, running around the house with it, and playing tug with my sister Jemma."

Message from the President, continued.....

Current activities/club business:

- Picnic in the Park: Plans are continuing for holding the picnic and raffle in August. COVID-19 policies will apply.
- Holiday Party: Reservations are made, plans are to go forward in November.
- We have approved making an annual donation to the BTCA Trophy fund.
- Our quarterly newsletter will be available to view from our Club Website.
- Committees are still working on fun activities to do with our dogs. Walking for a Cause and Walking in the Park may be postponed for this summer. We are hoping to resume next year.
- Training and grooming seminars will be put on hold for now, but we plan to pursue them in the future.
- We are looking at connecting with members in a new way. We are working on some fun Zoom parties. Watch for announcements.
- We are using our Facebook page to offer Trick Dog virtual evaluations given by our own Marti Park and Linda Grace.
- Heather Wingate will be submitting articles to the Borderline, and The "World According to Lily" will be in future editions.

I hope this finds everyone safe and healthy.

Casey DePriest
President, Border Terrier Club of Oregon



Casey and Lilypad

Member Spotlight

Let's get to know our club members better!

In this issue, we will meet longtime member Kay Deines.

I am Kay Deines. Born and raised in the Portland metropolitan area, with a few years in Corvallis for school and a couple of years in Central Oregon. I retired about 10 years ago from a local sanitary sewer and surface water management utility. Currently I have 3 dogs. Sadie, a 13 yr old Border that I bred; Oley, a 9 year old Airedale bred by Nancy Arnold in Battleground, WA; and Hamish, a 1yr old Border co-bred by Shelby Russell and Debra Janes Blake. Sadie has Obedience and Rally titles, Oley is a breed champion and also has obedience and Rally titles; and Hamish has 7 points towards his breed championship and is enrolled in Agility and obedience classes.

My other main hobby is knitting. I love to knit socks and to shop for yummy colors of sock yarn! I also love to travel. My cousin and I have had a lot of fun traveling; and I like to go camping with friends.

Why did you choose Border Terriers? Well, I had Jack Russell Terriers and was having fun training them in obedience (out of self-preservation) and doing Go To Ground (the forerunner of Earthdog - not AKC sanctioned). JRTs were not recognized by any kennel clubs at that time, and the parent club was adamantly opposed to any recognition. I enjoyed competing at obedience fun matches and was stewarding at AKC Obedience trials. I kept seeing Border Terriers at the Go To Ground competitions and thought they were cute. Then I ran into Laurel Tofflemeier at a dog show and asked her if she ever did any obedience training with her Borders. She said "As a matter of fact, I'm looking for an obedience home for this dog!". That dog was my first Border, Gambit! Ch Behm Jocasta Just Gambit. A couple of months later, after I talked with Laurel a few times, and with Debra Blake (his co-owner and co-breeder), I took Gambit home with me. He was a great dog and taught me a lot!

What is the best and worst things about Border Terriers in your opinion? Wow! That covers a lot of ground! All of mine have been so different! A couple of things seem to be pretty consistent, though. They all know exactly how they should be treated and have a highly developed sense of fairness. If I correct one for not following an obedience command that I think they know and understand, but they haven't learned it as well as I thought, they let me know! They take their ball and go home! It is so obvious! I did it wrong, and they tell me so in no uncertain terms. I have learned to be careful about what I ask of them. As long as they truly understand and I am clear in my command either verbal or a hand signal, they are very honest about complying.

On the other hand, a trait I am not so fond of is their ability to hold a grudge against another dog forever. I swear, a dog that does the same truly rude thing and makes a Border mad more than 3 or 4 times is from then on just a dog they feel they should kill. JRTs tend to do quick squabbles when irritated and settle things on the spot. Borders seem to duck their heads and brush it off; and then decide after a few repetitions to just take matters into their own jaws and make the problem go away. I have learned over the years to watch dog interactions carefully.

What is the most positive experience you've had with a dog? How to choose!?! I love training my dogs. I love how happy and pleased they are to learn new things and to be a buddy and partner. I love snuggling with them during quiet times. I love taking them for runs on the beach and seeing how differently they experience things. Sadie knows that I have cookies in my pocket on the beach to reward the dog that comes right away when I call them. She either sticks right next to me or goes off just far enough that I notice it and then comes back for a treat. Hamish runs and runs in huge circles and flies by every so often to see if cookies are being handed out. I love how greedy most Borders are - it's pretty much a guarantee that they will come when called, licking their chops all the way back!

Share some words of wisdom with us. Ok. My favorite (dog related) wise saying is "Feed for position". I heard this first from Joan Armstrong. Joan told me that she learned this from Bob Bailey who always said it was simple, but not easy. It goes right along with Ellie Wyckoff's requirement that a performance be "cookie worthy" before handing out treats. If you ask your dog to sit, or stack in the ring, or anything else, and it moves out of position as you hand it a treat, then it doesn't get the treat. I say something like "Oops! You moved!", or "Wrong". Then repeat the command, tell them "Good sit" (or whatever I asked) when they assume the position, and then give them the treat - as long as they stay in position!! It can take quite a while since the dog's first instinct is to move towards the treat. They have to remain in the sit as you give them the treat. When they do, you will know they understand what you asked for. Persistence pays off in a dog that understands what you want and enjoys working. Clarity in training is imperative. I struggle daily with this, but it works when I figure it out. Your dog will appreciate it, too. ;-)



Hamish's win at Albany in Feb. 2020 with Kay.



Kay with Sadie winning her Rally class at the BT specialty in Greeley, CO.

[The World According to Lilypad - Thoughts From a Very Spoiled Border Terrier](#)

Greetings from beautiful Oregon, where summer is finally starting to shape up around here. This would normally be our season to travel - pack up the ol' truck and trailer and head down the road to some dog event or just to go visit friends and family. But this year is quite different because of that nasty COVID-19 virus which has caused many of our favorite events to be cancelled and all of us sticking closer to home for the immediate future. Things have been going great for me during this quarantine! My mom is home constantly with me and my Canine Crew, and I have attended many a Zoom classroom session while she teaches from home. Those kids love me! (Well, of course they do, I'm a Border Terrier after all!) When I wrote about embracing change in my last article, we were on Week 1 of our shelter-in-place order, and I had no idea what a bonus this COVID thing would be for me. I haven't seen the inside of my X-pen since early March, my mom's homemade dog food production has doubled, and I am never without a human within view which is critical to my overall happiness and wellbeing. This time of slowing down has also been a great time for me to make my place in my new pack and to convince my humans that they absolutely and undeniably cannot live without my presence 24/7. But what has been such an awesome time for me has also sometimes been a hard time for my mom and dad who have worried about so many things these past 3 months, like the health of our family and friends, the education of their students, and how all these changes are going to effect our new normal. I also heard my mom tell my dad once that she was worried that my Canine Crew and I are getting too spoiled during this time at home. Well, that's ridiculous! We ARE spoiled and would be no matter what.....we're Border Terriers after all!

I think the main thing that worries my humans is not so much adapting to their new normal post COVID-19 but how the entire world will emerge from this time of fear and anxiety, and how people will adapt to new social norms and ways of interacting with each other. If I know one thing (and I do know lots of things, I'm a Border Terrier after all!) is that this is an excellent time to increase your Kindness Capacity. I know we've seen many great acts of kindness over the past weeks - people sharing toilet paper, checking in on neighbors, and opening up their hearts in many ways to let others know they care. But we've also seen lots of examples where the Kindness Capacity has been really low in people and they forget that we are all in this together - humans and canines (and ok cats, too, only because I should probably practice what I preach). However, we have great Kindness Conductors right in our midst; I'm talking about those little humans called kids. As we move forward into our post-COVID world, we can use their Kindness Acts as examples of how we can grow our own Kindness Capacities:

The World According to Lilypad, Continued.....

- Kids always see me and smile. Sometimes they get so excited that they jump up and down. Their smiles and excitement make me happy.
- Kids can be shy and reserved, but that never makes them mean. They just admire me from afar.
- Kids enjoy a hearty lick on the face in exchange for a pat on the head. In this current COVID world, however, that may have to be a lick for a pat with hand sanitizer afterwards.
- Kids like to grab my leash and take me on adventures. That way we can explore things together safely. Except I don't like to eat grass and one grandkid of ours always thinks I need a nibble or two when we're out exploring.
- Kids let you dig when you need to dig, and they even dig with you.
- If you don't like to get your paws wet or dirty, kids will always pick you up and carry you, even if they are only 3 and still have trouble navigating uneven surfaces themselves.
- Kids are just 2-legged puppies and can be happy and have fun wherever they are.
- Kids always have something good to eat on their person, whether it's peanut butter on their faces, gummy bears in their pockets, gold fish crackers stuck to their clothes, or chocolate cake on their hands. They are walking snack vending machines and I'll follow them anywhere for their snacks on the go.
- Kids are always down for a kiss, a cuddle, or even just a quick hug. They just want a little companionship, not unlike us dogs. (Of course I crave companionship, I'm a Border Terrier after all!)
- When the going gets tough or when the day has been too long, kids just take a nap. And in my experience, they prefer to do so with a cuddly Border Terrier by their side.
- For kids, every morning is a new opportunity to start fresh and have more adventures and fun.

My advice to all is that life will be so much better if we approach it like kids and dogs as we move forward.....honor each other's needs and be open to new adventures; help others in need, even if it's hard because in the end it will be worth it; always carry snacks with you; approach life like a puppy sometimes; never be mean even if you're uncomfortable; go through each day with the objective of making as many people as you can smile; and hug your dog often. I promise that if you take my sage advice, you'll have a little less worry and sadness in your life and a much happier dog!



Pads loves her grandson Hunter, and he loves her right back!

We have 2 new features this quarter - **Ask A Breeder** and **Ask A Trainer** - where our members were invited to send in burning questions about training your Border Terrier as well as learning about what it takes to be a breeder and touching on those aspects of dog ownership that many don't think about once their puppy search has ended. Enjoy!

~Ask A Trainer~

Linda Grace and Marti Park

“Our Bray baby loves people so much when they come to our house she can't stop jumping up on them. We walk her to the door, make her sit when we open it, but once they're in, she loses her mind. She does settle down after about 10 minutes but we want to help her learn manners in that area.. lol. Help!”

Linda Grace: Thank you for your training question. It's a good one! Proper Greeting Behavior is an important safety skill for any dog. Teaching it effectively and consistently will make the difference in how well your dog does with it. You want to have clear criteria in mind when you set out to teach it (what exactly do you want your dog to do when they greet someone?) and be consistent with how you teach each lesson. It looks like you have decided on a good position you want your dog to be in when she is greeting someone... a Sit (all four feet and her rear end on the floor), and you want her to sit there politely and accept the petting and praise that comes from the person who is greeting her, without losing control of herself and/or jumping up on them. This is great. This is what most people want.

Keep in mind: This concept is very foreign to a dog at the onset. Jumping up on others is naturally very rewarding to dogs. Friendly dogs naturally greet other friendly dogs with their paws on each other, while in each other's faces, with little concern for personal space... very differently from the way we/people usually want our dogs to greet other people.

The more she practices getting away with jumping up on people, the more she will try to do it. Dogs are very good at learning “patterns” in their training. If she jumps up onto someone during the exercise and she is allowed to continue on with the greeting exercise from there, she may very well learn that jumping up is part of the greeting exercise. She enjoyed it and it worked for her. If it works repeatedly for her, she will always try it. Your job to undo that pattern can be more challenging from then on.

So, the following are some of my recommendations to set yourself up to succeed (any of these may apply):

(1) You may have to take a step back in her training with this. Being faced with the distraction of a real, live visitor at the door for her may be too much for her handle yet. To help her truly understand what you want before that extra distraction is there, make sure that you train all parts of the greeting exercise with you, your husband and other members of your family first. Be sure that she understands and shows you that she can do the exercise beforehand.

(2) Always have many bits of high value treats (I recommend meat-based treats) as rewards with you while you teach this! The more times that you catch her doing the correct thing, the more times she earns a reward treat and praise. The more that she gets rewards and praise, the more she will try to earn more of them!

(3) Always make sure that you have your dog on leash and that you can control the situation while she is learning this. Anticipate ahead of time that she will want to jump up and prepare to prevent her from doing it by keeping a hold on the leash very close (1 to 2 feet) from her collar (not a tight leash, but a close hold).

One thing you can try if you want to be able to stand more upright and have your hands be more free is, at the beginning of the exercise and before the greeter arrives, stand next to your dog with your foot holding/standing on the short distance of her leash on the floor while your hand holds the end of the leash. If she tries to jump, the short leash length will prevent her from rising very far up from the floor.

Ask A Trainer, continued:

(4) Your dog may not truly understand that she needs to remain in the Sit position throughout the exercise. Reward her with a bit of treat often while she remains in the Sit. Only move on with exercise if she remains in the Sit. A number of things can be distracting for her....the greeter and you are moving, the door is opening and/or closing, people are talking or laughing, etc. Make sure you are paying close attention to these things and give her more rewards to reassure her that she is doing well and remaining in the Sit then. If she gets up from the Sit, immediately stop giving the rewards and either put her back in the Sit before continuing, or better yet, start over with the whole exercise from the beginning.

(5) You may be unknowingly or inadvertently rewarding her for unwanted behavior. Pay close attention to your manner with her when she gets overly excited. Be careful that you stay calm in your demeanor and very clear with your manner. Try not to laugh or talk too much. That can confuse her. If she happens to get away with jumping up on a greeter, try not to have them push her off with their hands. That may be interpreted by her to be a reward (a paw-to-paw thing) and she will continue to jump. Instead, the greeter can take their hands out of the picture by crossing their arms across their chest and turning their back on her. This should give her the message that they don't want to greet her in that way. As soon as she puts her feet back down on the floor and Sits, the greeter can positively respond by turning back towards her. If you can manage to give her a treat at that time (before she jumps up again), do it. Keeping paws on the floor should get her more rewards and praise.

(6) Teach your dog a "Cue" for the proper greeting position of keeping all four feet on the floor and being in a Sit position. For me, that cue is "Off". Here is an example of how you can train the, "Off" cue:

- During training, when your dog is in the proper position, say, "Yes" (as a marker for doing something correct), then say "Off" and give a treat. Do this each time before you give a treat while she is in the proper greeting position. When your dog has shown that she can remain in the proper position very repeatedly and more often, drop the "Yes" and just say the "Off" cue before you give her the treat. In this way, she will learn to properly associate the cue with the correct behavior and position. After she learns the Cue, you can use it whenever you are about to have her greet someone and she will know what you are wanting her to do.

Good Luck, Stay Positive, and Have Fun!

Marti Park: Excellent question. We do want our dogs to welcome our friends to their - I mean our - home, but with appropriate manners. Excellent that you are taking her to the door, having her sit, and allowing her to greet the company. However, it appears as if things fall apart after that. I would try training her to go to her place on command. That can be a bed or towel or something for her to go lie down on. Do not use a crate where you close her in. It should just be a bed that is in the room with you. Once she has that command down and can go there consistently on command, begin lengthening the duration of time she must wait there until you release her. I believe you said that after company has been there about 10 minutes, she settles down. Eventually the goal is to let her greet the newcomers; then, if she begins to lose her mind, send her to her place where she will wait until you release her. Hopefully the newness of the company will have worn off before you release her and she will be settled and appropriate. If you have a friend willing to help, you might try setting her up for success. Have your friend come to the door. You go greet him/her. If she starts to get crazy, have your friend just turn their back on her and continue doing that until you can get her to go to her bed. Then praise the heck out of her for being such a good girl. When you release her, she can go to your friend for some pets and/or treats as long as she is appropriate in her behavior. If she begins to lose it, repeat the process - friend turn away, you send her to her place. Hopefully you will soon have a girl who is very well behaved with company.

Free to a Good Home!!

Marti Park has old Borderlines available to give away, dating back to 2000. If anyone is interested in giving these pieces of history a new home, contact Marti!

~Ask A Breeder~

Tim Carey, Shadowhills Border Terriers; Casey DePriest, Tilted Kilt Border Terriers

1) Are there any health issues that are common for Border Terriers? I know about CECS and that they can be prone to Cushings, and I just learned about gallbladder micocela, but are there any others?

Tim: Thankfully, Border Terriers are an above average healthy breed. There are some things to which Borders are susceptible (ex. CECS, SLEM, gall bladder, etc), but many which they are not. Personally, I think the issues we hear about more often are many of the more minor issues such as bite malocclusions, patella luxation, eye issues including cataracts, heart murmurs, irritable bowel, etc. Depending on severity, none of these need be life threatening, but some may lead to a lesser quality of life.

Casey: Health screening recommended by the Border Terrier Club of America include tests for hip dysplasia, patellar luxation, cardiac disease, eye disease and Spongiform Leukoencephalomyelopathy or SLEM (Shaking Puppy Syndrome).

SLEM is a recessive hereditary disease. Puppies with this disease show an uncontrollable shaking of their hind limbs as soon as they begin to stand and try to walk. As the puppies grow, this shaking can affect the entire body. The prognosis is poor. There is now a DNA test for SLEM.

Information on SLEM can be found here. <https://www.ofa.org/diseases/dna-tested-diseases/spongiform-leukoencephalomyelopathy>

Breed specific health screening recommendations can be found here: <https://www.ofa.org/recommended-tests?breed=BRT>

Dental and gum disease is common in Border Terriers, as are broken teeth and slab fractures. Obesity can be a significant health problem, leading to diabetes, joint, and heart problems.

2) What is a line breeding and what are the reasons you would choose to do it?

Tim: Line breeding is when you breed two animals who have another animal in at least one place in recent generations in both pedigrees. What you are trying to achieve is “fix” or solidify traits of that animal in your new offspring. In your offspring, you hope to match up the genes of those qualities via an essentially identical gene from both parents (descended from the animal you are line breeding to) at the genetic loci you are trying to solidify. Line breeding does not introduce new traits. It increases the chance that positive AND negative traits in the animals will be expressed in your offspring. The more closely the animal you are line breeding to lies in the pedigrees, the more impact you can have. Taken to the extreme, line breeding becomes in-breeding, and some combinations of line breeding are safer than others that result in the same degree of line breeding.

Casey: Line breeding is a term commonly used to describe milder forms of inbreeding. It involves having one or more relatives occurring more than once in a pedigree. Typical line bred matings are grandfather/granddaughter, grandmother/grandson, grandson/granddaughter, great-granddaughter/great-grandson, uncle/niece, aunt/nephew and cousin crosses.

Line breeding is a breeding technique used to protect certain family traits within a family line; a breeding system to achieve a desired consistency of genotype and phenotype.

Line breeding can be used to set breed type and cement traits, producing a certain look and specific traits more consistently.

There are many reason for the practice of line breeding; however, line bred dogs don't only inherit their sire and dam's best features. This breeding system greatly increases the chances of genetic defects and hereditary diseases that can be passed on to the next generations.

Ask A Breeder, continued:

3) At what age do you suggest spaying or neutering you dog?

Tim: Latest research show that you should wait until the dog's growth plates close around 10-11 months. In typical Borders, this means that you will likely have one heat cycle for the girls. The older advice on spaying was before the first heat to minimize the risk of breast tumors. The latest data doesn't dispute that; rather, it shows that neutering/ spaying when growth plates close minimizes certain other issues which have a higher recurrence rate than mammary tumors, which are actually fairly low in spayed females. Waiting one heat cycle does slightly increase the incidence of mammary masses, but significantly lowers occurrence of things like hip dysplasia, some other types of tumors, etc. There is today a lot of discussion about spay and neuter. Some are advising not to do it at all. For the boys, the issues become behavior when near females in heat and the increased incidence of prostate hyperplasty, hip dysplasia, etc. Personally, I have seen little change in male BT temperaments from neutering. For the girls, the cumulative risk increases each heat cycle for both mammary tumors and pyometritis; both of which require spaying anyway as part of their treatment. Thus, I always recommend spaying the girls after growth plate closure or upon conclusion of their breeding days.

Casey: The days of performing spay/neuter surgeries at 6 months of age are no longer the norm. Much research has been done on the negative effects early sterilization surgeries have on a dog. The absence of hormones interfere with proper bone growth that affect conformation, leading to a variety of orthopedic issues. I highly recommend waiting as long as possible, allowing for growth plates to close before proceeding with surgery. I ask my puppy buyers to wait until at least 12-18 months of age.



Shadowhill's newest litter at 14 days old: Jason (GCH Shadowhills No Fooling) X Karma (CH Shadowhills Written in the Stars).



Caleb Campbell's pile of puppies! The Apple Litter: CH Kittle-Bee's Man in Tan Tweed "Tweed" X CH McHill's Moody Blue "Moody".



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Burt says BTs can catch more than just rats!



Sweet Rylee sends us all a hug!

Attention All Club Members.....or those of us who want to celebrate the end of the summer with good food, crazy dogs, great friends, and lots of relaxing. **The Picnic in the Park Potluck and Auction will be held at Waterloo County Park in Lebanon, OR, on Saturday, August 15, 2020 from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m.** Bring your dog(s), donations for the auction, your own side dishes (meat will be provided), chairs, place settings, drinks, napkins, and lots of dollar bills so that you can pay for your "brags" as we will be sharing with each other all of our activities and accomplishments over the year - dog-related or not. Lunch will begin at noon with the Auction and Brags to be held directly after. There is camping at Waterloo Park and reservations can be made at linnparks.com if you'd like to spend the weekend. Waterloo Park offers an off-leash dog park, a playground, walking areas, the river and boat launch - all available for a fun-filled day of hanging out with each other and our dogs. As the Auction and Brags session will be our biggest fundraisers for 2020, we hope to see all of our club members come and enjoy the day celebrating the BTCO, our friendships, and our wonderful little brown dogs. See you there!!



COVID-19 Protocols for the BTCO Picnic

Attendees must adhere to the 6 foot rule of social distancing. Wearing of masks is strongly recommended when with others not in your household for your protection as well as other club members and when it is not possible to social distance.

Crating/dog crates must be 6 feet apart except for household groups of attendees and dogs.

Provide and use your own plates, utensils, cups, napkins, drinks and side dishes. Meat will be provided by the club and barbecued on site.

You may donate individually wrapped items to share with others, such as single serve bags of chips, individually wrapped cookies, etc.

Use provided hand washing stations and proper hand washing technique frequently throughout the day, especially when interacting with others, preparing food, eating, before handling auction items and tickets, after using the restroom, etc.

Gloves will be provided.

Please make sure before you leave your house that you are not ill and are asymptomatic - no fever, chills, headache, body aches, cough, nausea, vomiting, runny nose or congestion, or any other symptoms of the COVID-19 virus.

All picnic and auction attendees must sign a Waiver of Liability and Informed Consent COVID-19 Waiver releasing the club and it's members from all liability.

Border Terrier Club of Oregon Charitable Donation

We would like club members to select and submit a charity or cause of your choice within our Club Territory and send the charity information and a short description and/or specific need to Linda Grace, e-mail: ragrace@wvi.com by August 1st, 2020. The board will then vote on which charity will be this year's recipient. The amount to be awarded will be \$250.00

All members, even those outside of our club territory, are encouraged to participate. Current club territory is the Greater Salem, OR, area (including the area south of Eugene, OR, north to Ridgefield, WA, east to The Dalles, OR, and west to the Pacific ocean), and Washougal, WA.

Some examples & ideas are:

*Companions for Independence (CCI) Providing animals for hearing impaired individuals and veterans with PTSD

*K-9 vests or general donation for Police K-9 programs, & search and rescue

*Vet School Programs

*4-H Dog Clubs

*Pet oxygen mask kits for fire departments and first responders

Voting to chose our 2020 recipient will be held at the club picnic on August 15. If no submissions are received by August 1, the BTCO Board will choose a charity and announce it at the picnic.

Lily says, "Kids and Border Terriers make the best of pals!"



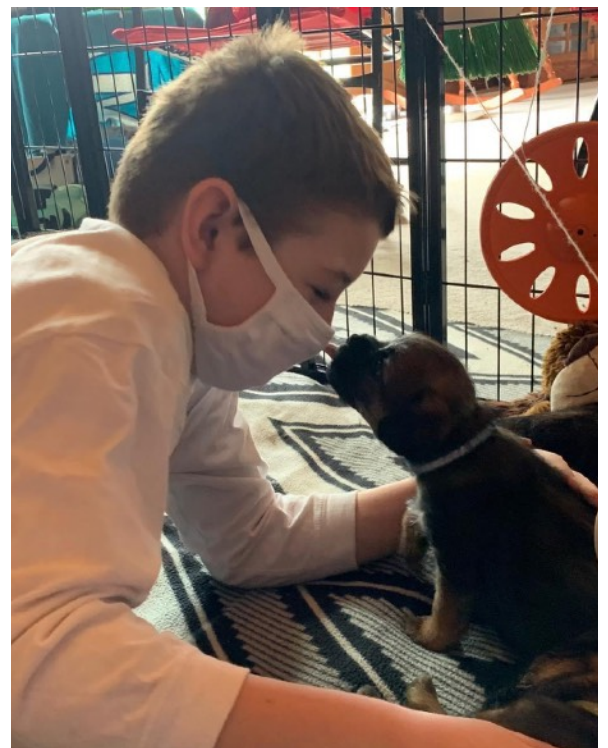
Emmy is a good friend when her grandkids are babies.....



.....and when they get bigger!



Olivia and Burt are best friends forever.



Socializing one of Caleb's puppies COVID style!



Ozzy loves his boy Hunter.



Kelley and Lily have a special bond.

How our Border Terriers survived the Spring of COVID-19.....



Jemma pined for all the ED and FastCAT trials she was missing.



Jax went fishing.



Hollis swam with a big stick!



Ozzy taught a lot of Zoom classes this spring!



Odin and Ollie socially isolated at the beach.



Bryn and Vercse masked up for barn hunt practice.